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**OBJECTIVE**

Seeking a position in the public or private sector to utilize to utilize my prior international legal experience as a professional with a background of law and the enhanced legal skills obtained during law school in the United States

**Education**

**Juris Doctor, May 2022**

Capital University Law School | Columbus, Ohio

**Master of Law (LLM) in Human Rights & Democratization; Political Science Minor, 2011 – 2012**

*Thesis:* The Need for Political Representation of Persons with Disabilities

University of Pretoria, Center for Human Rights | Pretoria, South Africa

**Bachelor of Law (LLB) 2003 – 2007**

Addis Ababa University Law School | Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

**Areas of Expertise**

∙Advocacy

∙Policy Analysis & Development

∙ Legal Research ▪ Litigation

∙Immigration Law

∙Legal Compliance

**Professional History**

**Independent Civil Rights Consultant,** Orlando, FL 12/2015 – 7/2019

∙Advocated to advance migrant and refugee rights;

∙Supported integration of African families into Greater Orlando community;

∙Developed a curriculum for the Florida Immigration Coalition;

∙Allianz Insurance Company—Indian captive office, India - **Legal Intern** 7/2015 – 8/2015

∙Drafted Disability Employment Management policy;

Ethiopian Radiation Protection Authority**, Head of Legal Services** 9/2014 – 5/2015

∙Drafted regulations governing radioactive materials and nuclear energy

Ethiopian Institute of the Ombudsman, **Senior Legal Expert, Freedom of access to Information** 1/2012 – 11/2013

∙Drafted regulations, whistle blowers and access to publicly held information; ∙Supervised and monitored compliance with laws and regulations;

∙investigated and resolved private complaints related to denial of access to information

Ethiopian Institute of the Ombudsman **, Legal Expert, Investigations** 10/2009 – 1/2011

Monitored compliance of government departments with administrative laws and procedures;

∙investigation, review and recommendation of remedies to resolve complaints

Oromiya Regional State Revenue Authority**, Legal Expert** 9/2007 – 10/2009

∙ Ensuring the enforcement of tax laws;

∙Drafted pleadings, motions, briefs and office memos;

drafted regional tax laws

∙Developed case management system for civil and criminal tax cases;

**SKILLS**

Team work, problem solving, digital literacy, Microsoft Office, Adobe, Accessible Technology, Leadership and Mentoring,

 **INTERNSHIP & ADVOCACY WORK**

* . ∙Developed [*Continental Plan of Action for the African Decade of Persons with Disabilities*](https://au.int/sites/default/files/pages/32900-file-cpoa_handbook._audp.english_-_copy.pdf). Designed and implemented strategy in 2012 to assist African countries in aligning domestic disability policy with international laws.
* Promoted advocacy for more sensitive immigrant policies by co-creating awareness curricula on migration trends for University Without Walls (UWW) as volunteer at Florida Immigration Coalition.